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New Leitrim Park & Ride to open in South Ottawa

Ottawa – Commuting from south Ottawa by transit gets even easier next week when OC Transpo opens its new Leitrim Park & Ride lot on Monday, December 20 with space for 292 vehicles. From there, OC Transpo can get you downtown within half an hour during peak periods.

Located on Gilligan Road, just south of Leitrim Road and just west of Albion, the new park and ride lot features amenities including a bus shelter, bike rack (spring), ample lighting, a drop off/pick up zone and emergency call boxes.

The lot is served by route 99, which operates direct to downtown during the weekday rush hour and to Greenboro Station during off-peak hours where connections are available to both O-Train and Transitway service. Travel time to downtown is about 30 minutes on Route 99, and service operates every 10-15 minutes during rush hour.

To be picked up, customers can press the “request stop” button located on the pole next to the bus stop. This will signal Route 99 buses on Leitrim Road to stop in the lot on their way into town. On the return bus trip, passengers simply ring the stop bell and the bus operator will serve the lot. (Note: the “on request” service in the lot is for northbound buses only; there is no southbound service from the lot to Riverside South.)

Leitrim is the thirteenth OC Transpo Park & Ride lot within the city’s urban transit area and it joins Greenboro and Riverview serving residents in the southern region of Ottawa, including communities of Gloucester South, Greely, Metcalfe and Edwards. Future expansion of the lot will help it accommodate up to 1,200 cars.

For automated schedule information for Leitrim Park & Ride, call 613-560-1000, plus 3041.

For more transit information, contact OC Transpo at 613-741-4390 or visit www.octranspo.com.

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